

## A Letter from The Adjutant General

Dear Servicemembers:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the California State Legislature has approved Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to provide members of the California National Guard and State Military Reserve with a state-sponsored education benefit. The enactment of the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNGEAAP) will ensure that the California National Guard remains ready and prepared to respond to any state disaster or emergency by continuing to improve the quality of our force.



**Maj. Gen. William H. Wade II**  
**The Adjutant General**

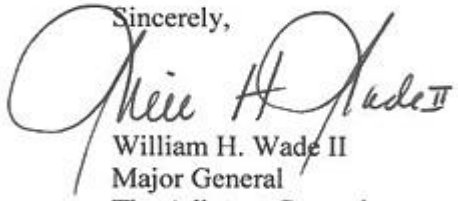
Upon certification by the Military Department, the California Student Aid Commission will issue academic monetary awards to qualifying Servicemembers. The amount of each award will depend on the qualifying institution.

While specific regulations are still in the process of being finalized, minimum criteria to apply for the CNGEAAP has already been established. In order to be eligible for an award, a person must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a resident of California;
- Be an active member of, and have served two years in, the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or Naval militia;
- Be accepted or registered at, or enrolled in a qualifying institution;
- Agree to use the award to obtain a certificate, degree, or diploma that he or she does not hold at the time he or she applies for the award;
- Enroll in at least three academic units per semester or the equivalent thereof; and
- Submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) to the United States Department of Education.
- Additional criteria may be established to direct resources to best support requirements.

I look forward to the first group of CNGEAAP Servicemembers starting school during spring 2010 term. Just as quickly as possible, this Web site will have updated information to include the application. I encourage all eligible Servicemembers to submit an application for this new education benefit. I am proud of the continued hard work and dedication you have shown for your state and country and that sacrifice has been acknowledged with this education benefit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William H. Wade II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W".

William H. Wade II  
Major General  
The Adjutant General